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A devout Talmudic Jew, Edgar Bronfman bankrolled many Zionist causes over the years with the billions of dollars he made hawking Canadian booze.

The 'King' Is Dead

• Edgar Bronfman — one of the world's most powerful Zionists — finally dies

By Michael Collins Piper

The patriarch of a crime syndicate-connected empire that has operated in the sphere of the Rothschild dynasty is dead. On Dec. 22, Edgar M. Bronfman — longtime head of the World Jewish Congress — died at age 84. *New York* magazine once described him as a "sometimes coarse, bullying businessman" but noted "there are some people who would simply call him king of the Jews."

Rabbi Mishael Zion has hailed Bronfman as "a modern Talmudic Jew," noting Bronfman's favorite book was the Babylonian Talmud, the hero of which, the rabbi admitted, is not God but the "cunning human scholar." Praising Bronfman's work funding scholarships for Jewish youth, the rabbi said Bronfman was "the person who invited us to live Talmudically in the modern world."

This recalls Meyer Rothschild, founder of the dynasty with whom Bronfman's family has had a long association. An admiring biographer once said Rothschild was "a zealous believer in the Talmud and chose it alone as the guiding principle of all his actions."

It is thus fitting that Bronfman biographer Peter Newman said the Bronfmans were "the Rothschilds of the New World," estimating in 1978 that Bronfman assets totaled some $7 billion. In fact, Edgar Bronfman had a level of clout few could claim, precisely because of his front-line positioning in the Zionist movement and his family's pivotal historic role in the crime syndicate.

Edgar was son of Sam Bronfman who immigrated to Canada from Russia and made his fortune in liquor, gambling, prostitution and drugs. Going "legitimate" when he assumed control of the Montreal-based Seagram distillery, Sam forged links with the New York crime syndicate headed by another Russian Jew, Meyer Lansky, and during Prohibition supplied — and thus controlled — the "spigot" of liquor funneled into the U.S and distributed by the Lansky mob.

In many border towns in the northern U.S there are family fortunes accumulated by locals who were part of the Bronfman network. And in the big cities, a connection with this syndicate was a "must." In Detroit, the "little Jewish navy" of Morris Dalitz — later Lansky's top man in Las Vegas — ferried Bronfman booze into the U.S.

Even Chicago's celebrated Italian-American gangster, Al Capone, owed his rise to his own Bronfman connection. It was Lansky who sent Capone to Chicago from New York in the first place, assigned to work for Johnny Torrio (Bronfman's Chicago contact) who was moving to unseat "Big Jim" Colosimo as Italian-American Mafia chief in the Windy City.

Colosimo had alienated Lansky and Bronfman — whom he called "dirty Jews"— by asserting there was "no future in bootlegging," showing little interest in patronizing Bronfman liquor, preferring to focus on drugs, prostitution and loan-sharking.

So a Jewish hitman from New York "retired" Big Jim and soon enough, Bronfman liquor flowed into Chicago. The media lionized Capone, but the Chicago mob, thenceforward, was dominated by behind-the-scenes Jewish bosses.

In any case, Bronfman plowed his ill-gotten gains into legitimate enterprises, establishing his family as major patrons of Israel and expanding their power on American shores.

When Sam died, Edgar assumed family leadership and — though little known to the public — was one of the most powerful figures on the planet. Today, his legacy lives on.

Aside from wheeler-dealer son, Edgar Jr., son Matthew chairs the board of the World Jewish Congress and is a controlling shareholder of one of Israel's largest banks, Israel Discount Bank, and other Israeli enterprises. Son Adam directs a family foundation and lives off family wealth. Daughter Holly — interestingly — shares the same high-powered Texas lawyer as media icon Alex Jones.

Bronfman bankrolled Mort Zuckerman, now a billionaire, who in turn bankrolled Dan Snyder, now billionaire owner of the Washington Redskins football team. They, too, are Bronfman heirs in their own respect.

[Editor's Note: The following is a side-bar article that also appeared on page 12 that was probably also authored by Michael Collins Piper]

Bronfman's War on the U.S. Military

A longtime Bronfman henchman at Seagrams, Stephen Herbits, was recruited by then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to make "heads roll" in the military, screening Pentagon promotions and appointments, enforcing Zionist control of the U.S. war machine.

This move on the military came in 2006 when top retired American military leaders publicly slammed the Bush administration for waging war against Iraq, making it clear they spoke for many colleagues still in the Pentagon who opposed the war from the start.

Herbits urged the media to investigate military leaders who dared to take on the administration. Saying it would be "a service to this country when the media digs a bit below these attacks to examine the generals," Herbits was sending a warning: Military leaders who stood up against civilian warmongers promoting the interests of Israel were subject to investigation by spy agencies such as the Anti-Defamation League which could come up with "data" on the dissidents to destroy them.

After doing his dirty work, Herbits returned to the Bronfman fold, serving as secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress and thus Bronfman's subservient minion.

[Ed. Note: The following articles appeared on page 13, the page that followed the articles reproduced from page 12 above. Although the authorship was not explicitly stated, Michael Collins Piper probably had a hand in composing them.]

Murder Discussed at High-Level Bronfman Meeting

In 2005 *New York* magazine noted Edgar Bronfman "belongs to one of the world's most exclusive clubs, an impossibly elite gathering known as the 'Mega Group.' It consists of about a dozen inconceivably rich Jews who get together several times a year, often in either Bronfman's or [CBS owner] Larry Tisch's apartment. . . ."

In 1990, an unexpected source advised Andrew St. George — chief correspondent for *The Spotlight* (forerunner of AFP)—there had been a high-level meeting at Bronfman's New York apartment attended by top financial patrons and leaders of the Zionist movement. (This was the "Mega Group" although its name was not then known.) Devoted to combating the purported "rise of anti-Semitism," the meeting's participants included financier Felix Rohatyn and Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Andrew's source told him Torczyner said, in words to these effect: "It's time that we put a stop to Willis Carto and his newspaper, *The Spotlight*." Torczyner said specifically that Carto and his associates should be "hunted and shot like quail."

Torczyner's candor disturbed at least some of his fellow power brokers who responded, "We can't use the tactics of our enemies."

In fact, it was the aforementioned Rohatyn who told St. George about the meeting. A longtime newsman, St. George knew many people, Rohatyn among them.

St. George took the story to Carto and Mark Lane, *The Spotlight*'s anti-Zionist Jewish attorney, who wrote a letter to Torczyner warning him against making further threats. Still, a continuing campaign to destroy *The Spotlight* culminated with the populist weekly driven out of business in 2001. Thank goodness, AFP picked up *The Spotlight*'s fallen torch.

Carto had reason to be concerned: Bronfman fingerprints were all over the JFK assassination conspiracy. For the tip of that iceberg, see the Dec 9 & 16 issue of AFP.

Bronfman's Stranglehold on the Media

It was inevitable Bronfman's Seagram Co. would purchase a controlling interest in Time-Warner in 1993. Mob-connected Bronfman associates had already moved on this media empire, going back to a 1967 merger between Warner Brothers Studios and Seven Arts Productions, run by a frontman for Bronfman partner Meyer Lansky. The new operation — soon merged with *Time* publishing — became Time-Warner.

A sampling of holdings in the Time Warner octopus over the years included: *Time-Life* Video; HBO Video; Warner Home Video; cable franchises reaching 11.7 million subscribers; Turner Broadcasting, including all CNN holdings; magazines: *Time*, *People*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Life*, *Fortune, Money, Vibe, In Style*, *Parenting*, Martha Stewart Living, *Sunset*, *Health*, *Entertainment Weekly*, Cooking Light, *Southern Living*, *DC Comics* and *American Lawyer*; and book publishing: Little, Brown & Co., Time-Life Books, Warner Books, Book-of-the-Month Club.

Edgar Bronfman Jr. operated Seagram as his personal plaything after Seagram bought Hollywood giant, MCA, bringing MCA subsidiaries — Universal Studios and Universal Music — and TV channels in Europe and Latin America into Bronfman hands.

Last but far from least: With the Rothschilds, the Oppenheimers of South Africa and the late Armand Hammer, Bronfman money bankrolled the move into the United States by Australian media tycoon Rupert Murdoch, now a major influence over the American "conservative" movement.

Edgar Bronfman meets with Israel's Ariel Sharon.

Bronfman's Empire

Bronfman holdings have been immense, including such famed companies as Campbell Soup, Schlitz Brewing, Colgate-Palmolive, Kellog, Nabisco, Norton Simon, Quaker Oats, Paramount Pictures, Kodiak boots and Hush Puppies shoes.

The Bronfmans held an interest in the Ernest W. Hahn Co. (which operated 27 shopping centers in California and had plans for another 29) and the Trizec Corp., one of North America's biggest property development companies.

They controlled the Shannon Mall in Atlanta and the Galleria in Westchester, N.Y. and a shopping center in Hickory, N.C. Bronfman controlled industrial parks in and near Los Angeles, office towers in Denver and San Francisco, and housing developments in Nevada, California and Florida, as well as Houston-based General Homes Consolidated, building houses in Mississippi and Alabama. And they owned vast tracts of land in Virginia outside Washington, D.C.

And although the famous "Du Pont" name appeared on company products, the real power behind the scenes was Bronfman who — not content with owning 20% of the distinguished institution — took complete control in 1981, ultimately divesting his holdings.

Cindy and John McCain.

Bronfman's Connections to John McCain

The Bronfmans were the "godfathers" behind the career of Arizona Sen. John McCain (R), Israel's most outspoken advocate in Congress. McCain's $150 million fortune comes from his marriage to Cindy Hensley who inherited one of the nation's largest beer distribution companies from her father, Jim Hensley. Hensley made his money as a henchman of Kemper Marley who, for 40 years, was political boss of Arizona and the Lansky syndicate's front man in the Gem State. The Bronfmans set Marley up in business and after Hensley took the rap for Marley in a criminal case, Hensley's reward was the beer business now in McCain family hands.

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